

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 2 and 12 into independent form and cancels claims 1, 11, 15, and 16 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Accordingly, claims 2-10 and 12-14 are pending in this application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims at least in light of the following remarks.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 3-10, 13, and 14 are allowed and that claims 2 and 12 recite allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, claims 2 and 12 are amended into independent form. Thus, claims 2 and 12 should be allowed, resulting in all of the pending claims being allowed.

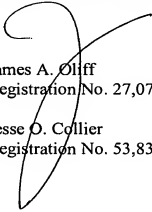
The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 7,093,965 (Veldman) and rejects claims 11 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,774,988 (Stam). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

These rejections are rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 1, 11, 15, and 16. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicant earnestly solicits favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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